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The Istanbul Policy Center-Stiftung Mercator-Sabancı University Initiative has created a synergy between German, Turkish, and European research over communities through the Mercator-IPC Fellowship Program in the past seven years.

WHERE?
Mercator-IPC Fellows work at IPC in Istanbul for the duration of 6 to 12 months.
IPC offers Mercator-IPC Fellows access to a broad network of academics, civil society activists, and decision makers as well as a unique platform for sound academic research to shape hands-on policy work. Fellows benefit from Sabancı University’s exceptional intellectual capital and vast reserves of scientific knowledge.

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WHAT?

EU/German-Turkish relations

Given that Turkey, Germany, and Europe have entered an era of multiple crises, continuous and open dialogues between Turkey and the EU is a necessity for the fight against terrorism, the maintenance of peace and stability in the region, and the development of models for integrating refugees in society. Furthermore, in the midst of multiple crises, continuous and open dialogues between Turkey and the EU is a necessity for the preservation of stability in the region, which is crucial now more than ever.

Subtopics in this area:

- European security and defence cooperation and its implications for EU-Turkey relations.
- Methods of cooperation supplementary to the accession process.
- Challenges in the EU and their impact on EU-German-Turkish relations.
- Economic cooperation between the EU and Germany.
- Turkish-German cooperation as a key pillar in Turkey's relations with the EU.
- Turkey's role in the EU/Germany and Turkey; the EU's external actions and foreign policy.
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- Turkey's role in preserving stability in the region; the European periphery, and the development of models for integrating refugees in society.
- The financial compensation of Mercator-IPC Fellows is up to 2,500 EUR in total, and a travel allowance of up to 2,700 EUR.
- The Mercator-IPC Fellowship is a prestigious program for outstanding young academics, journalists, and professionals who have significant prior work experience aiming to strengthen academic, political, and social ties between Turkey and Europe.
- A PhD degree is strongly preferred. Applicants without a PhD degree will only be accepted if their work experience and expertise meet the program requirements.
- The Mercator-IPC Fellowship is granted a monthly net salary of up to 2,700 EUR, a family allowance of up to 500 EUR (if preconditions are met), and a travel allowance of up to 2,500 EUR in total.
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HOW?

Based on the experience and professional careers of the candidates, there are two types of positions available.

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Mercator-IPC Senior Fellowships are awarded to internationally renowned experts and high-ranking representatives of civil society or politics who have already made a significant contribution to their own thematic areas, especially to EU/German-Turkish relations. The financial compensation of Mercator-IPC Senior Fellows varies according to the format and duration of their projects. At the discretion of the IPC Director, additional funding will be provided to organize events and publications.

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The IPC is firmly committed to providing decision makers, opinion leaders, academics, and the general public with innovative and objective analyses of key domestic and foreign policy issues.

ABOUT STIFTUNG MERCATOR

Stiftung Mercator is an independent private foundation. It aims to strengthen Europe, improve integration through equal educational opportunities for everyone, drive forward the energy transition as a trigger for a green and sustainable development, and firmly anchor cultural education in schools.